

Canada's best policy in Imperial Defence.

The rousing welcome given to the Special Service Squadron, on its arrival and throughout its stay, in Victoria, and Vancouver, B.C. was unsurpassed in warmth, and sincerity, at any place where the Squadron cast anchor.

There was no doubt at all as to the good effect of the visit especially upon the minds of the younger generation, it has acted upon every one here as a visit from the King would have done.

Not a single harsh, or conflicting note has been sounded at any of those ripe occasions for such things-the great public banquets that have been tendered to the officers by their Canadian hosts.

Admiral Sir Hubert Brand struck the right chord for all subsequent speeches when he said at the first public gathering, "We have nothing to fear as long as we all hang together; but if we do not hang together, we shall all hang separately"

When Admiral Field asked the questions "Does Canada feel safe in case of war? and "Would Canada stand aloof in case of war?" the only word heard in reply to the last question was a vociferous "No" that is still reverberating throughout Canada.

The questions would have implied that the Canadian policy in the matter of Imperial Defence was open to criticism, had the inquiry been made by any other speaker than one of the calibre of Admiral Field.

The basic principle of the best policy to follow in the matter of Imperial Defence-as understood by the people of our country-may be summed up in the following statement:-